

BLACK HAND'S LETTERS WERE WRITTEN BY GIRL

Says the Threatening Messages
Were Intended as a
Joke.

MAILED BY SCHOOL BOYS

"Gang" Frightened Many Per-
sons, but Members Have
Promised to Quit.

The Long Island Black Hand Syndicate has been unearthed. Housewives and merchants who have for some months been living in terror of having a bomb tucked under the breakfast table or the cash register, or their children kidnapped, will rest easy to-night, for the police have discovered the members of "the gang," and the members have promised not to do it any more.

Peaceful dairymen, green grocers, truck farmers, and even prominent citizens of Corona, Elmhurst, Newtown, Massena and vicinity have read of the wicked Black Hands in Manhattan who blew up and stilted their wealthy countrymen when the countrymen wouldn't give up, but they felt quite secure in their snug Long Island homes and didn't dream that the blackmailers would try any such financial methods on them.

The First Threats.

Therefore, when a few months ago James Mallory, a dairyman of Court street, East Elmhurst, tremblingly exhibited a letter to Capt. Gardiner, of the Newtown Precinct, in which the writer threatened to kidnap young Mallory if \$500 wasn't placed in a vacant lot designated, and this was followed by a complaint from Mrs. Elsie Pettit, who was told that her house would be distributed over the landscape with the aid of a bomb, the whole section was convinced that it was in danger of sudden demolition and the police were begged to bring the "blackmailers" to justice.

The "Black Hand" letters had a better effect than any curfew law that was ever devised for no child in Corona, Elmhurst and Newtown was allowed out after dark, and as for the police—well, those towns got the best protection in their history, for the patrolmen kept a sharp lookout for suspicious characters and questioned every stranger found on the streets after dark.

All the threatening letters were mailed from Flushing and were written in the same hand. It was a fine, Spencerian style of penmanship, and after days of studying the missives Capt. Gardiner and his assistants found that the hounding characters were not unlike those he had seen in certain copy books. This was the first suggestion of him that with Detective Schroeder he visited several of the schools after hours and examined scores of copy books, comparing the letters.

Traces Letters to Girl.

"By jing, I've got it," he cried suddenly yesterday afternoon, as he and the detective were going through a pile of books in the Elmhurst High School. He held a document in his hand, and the writing in it was the same as that in the letters. Conference with the principal developed the fact that it belonged to one of the girls. They

found her at her home, and there was an exciting session, to which her shocked parents were witnesses. "It was me," she said just as a joke," wept the girl, and then told the story of how she and some of the other girls and boys carried on the one-sided correspondence. The girl wrote the letters and the boys took them to Flushing and mailed them.

"They only did it for fun," said Capt. Gardiner today, "so of course nothing will be done about it, but we convinced them that their ideas of humor had not appealed to the folks they sent the letters to."

They say they have been writing and mailing them for months, and I suspect we have received complaints from only a few of the people who got the letters. For all I know some of them may have fallen for it and there may be bunches of \$500 bankrolls laying round loose in windy lots."

TWINS BORN IN A FLYING AMBULANCE

Surgeon Impresses Two Big
Policemen Into Service
as Nurses.

Morris Gornfeld is the iceman. All winter long he sits and waits for summer. Every hot day you can hear his cry on any street of the East Side. Morris has been the iceman for a number of years.

Work: "Maybe it shall be a boy and he shall be the iceman after his father." There was fair light in the Gornfeld room in the rear of the tenement at No. 112 Orchard street today. The sun was shining. Mrs. Gornfeld sat at the window and prayed to the sun to "make a heat" so the ice business would boom.

Suddenly the other tenants of the house were startled by a cry. They found Mrs. Gornfeld on the floor. Dr. Ross Arthur came from Gouverneur Hospital, Policemen Beale and Greene came from the precinct to the ambulance. "Hop on here with us," cried Dr. Arthur. "There'll be work for you in a minute."

Beale and Greene, who are heavyweights, were swinging on the rear like typical strapping fellows, when there came a summons from Dr. Arthur. "Take that, one of you," cried Dr. Arthur, thrusting out a white bundle. "It's a kid," exclaimed Beale, and he nestled the squealing package in one arm and took a firmer hold on the strap.

"Here, take this," cried Dr. Arthur again, and into the extended hand of the astonished Greene he put a second white package inclosing the twin.

Men, women and children in the narrow streets stood and gazed after the tiny, husky policeman swinging to and fro on the rear seat, each with a squawking baby in his arms. The strangest they had ever seen. At the hospital it was found that Mrs. Gornfeld was in a serious condition. But the babies were lusty.

When Morris arrived and heard that no iceman sister had arrived, but that twins and both girls were there, he sat down beside the mother. He had a headache.

DR. FANINGTON LEAD.

BALTIMORE, May 5.—Dr. Joseph G. Fanington, seventy-three years old, a physician residing at No. 193 Madison avenue, New York City, died yesterday at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, where he had been a patient for twenty-two days. He was operated on shortly after his arrival at the hospital by Dr. Hugh H. Young, but the operation was unsuccessful and the age of Dr. Fanington so advanced that he was unable to survive the operation. The body was sent on to the morgue.

LIVES LOST AS TORNADO SWEEPS ST. LOUIS SECTION

City and Towns Nearby Suffer
and Three Trainmen Drown
in Storm Wreck.

ST. LOUIS, May 5.—A thunder storm of unusual severity, accompanied by wind of almost tornado velocity, swept over this vicinity early to-day, doing much damage and indirectly causing loss of life.

A bridge on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, near Belleville, Ill., was washed out and caused the wreck of a freight train. The engineer, conductor and a brakeman were caught under the engine and drowned. The train was piled up in a mass in Schoenbach Creek, which was swollen into a torrent.

The village of Edgemont, Ill., was flooded and many persons were forced to take refuge on improvised rafts. The whole area of low land east of East St. Louis, Ill., and comprising thirty-five miles of territory, is under water.

French Village, a town of 1,000 inhabitants, was struck by a miniature tornado and many houses were unroofed. Telephone and telegraph wires are down and there is no communication with the place.

Traffic is impeded on electric lines running to various points east and north of East St. Louis, Ill., because of high water. The first floors of houses in the American Bottoms are flooded, and farmers are utilizing rafts and boats in rescue work. It is feared the loss of live stock will aggregate a large amount.

In St. Louis the wind blew down trees, sign boards, broke in many store windows and crippled telephone and telegraph wires to a large extent. School residences were struck by lightning and the fire department was kept busy responding to alarms. No casualties are reported.

MYSTIC SHRINERS' NIGHT.

5,000 Men of the Order to See
Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.

Between 4,000 and 5,000 Mystic Shriners, resident in the attire of the order, with bright red fez and wearing the green and white insignia, will be present at Madison Square Garden to-morrow night to witness the performance of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. The Shriners have bought out the lower part of the Garden for themselves, their wives and their friends. Many in honor of the occasion, will don the fez of the Shriners, and other innovations are planned by the order of the show.

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Made on the "Neverslip" lasts, Good-year welwed soles, fancy brass buckles; sizes 2½ to 8; all widths; a pair, 1.95

Golden Brown Oxfords
for Misses and Children.

In sizes 5 to 8, 8½ to 11 and 11½ to 2. Special a pair, 59c



SISTER OF MERCY FOUND DEAD IN CONVENT CELLAR

Sister Rose Plunged Through
Open Door Down the
Elevator Shaft.

Sister Rose, an aged religious, who had been connected with the Industrial School of the Convent of Mercy of the Sisters of Mercy at No. 273 Wiloughby avenue, Brooklyn, for forty years, was found dead at the foot of the elevator shaft in the basement of the school today.

Some time during the night, while attending to her duties as a nurse to sick children in a hospital ward on the third floor, she fell down the shaft and was cruelly injured. No one in the convent heard her fall and she died alone in the darkness of the cellar. From the nature of her injuries it is considered certain that she was unconscious from the moment she struck the concrete floor until the end.

In the world the name of Sister Rose was Anna Bowes. She was born in Ireland sixty years ago and came to New York at the age of eighteen. Two years later she was admitted to membership in the Sisters of Mercy and was assigned to the Wiloughby avenue house. For two score years she labored there to alleviate human misery and pain.

The elevator in the convent is worked by the sisters and was supposed to have been equipped with every safety device. Pressure on a button brought the car to any desired floor and the operating mechanism was simple.

Charm the Fat Away.

To reduce by means of exercise or dieting is nothing but torture to the flesh and mortification to the spirit. It is so much simpler to "charm" it away. Of course, I don't mean by "spells" or "incantations," but through the colonial use of this home receipt, viz.: ½ ounce Marmola, 2 ounce Fluid Extract Cascara Aromatic and 3½ ounces Syrup Simplex, which any one can obtain at any drug store for a small sum and mix at home. Take a teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime. It literally charms the fat away. Takes it off just where you need it and does it quickly but harmlessly. Many persons lose as much as a pound a day.

Isn't that "charming" of the fat—eat what you please and still lose a pound a day—without strain, injury or effort?

AUDITORIUM CONCERTS
10.30 A.M.—ORGAN AND ANGELS' RETTAL.
2 P.M.—MISS VIRGINIA WILSON, 8 years.
ANITA MARQUESS, Violinist.
MR. FREDERICK WHEELER, Baritone.

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Never was more timely good merchandise news printed. Right at the start of the Summer furnishing season comes this wholesale reduction of prices on every piece of Bedroom and Dining-room Furniture in our stocks. This means that no matter what style of furniture you desire—whether you want simple and inexpensive sorts for the Summer cottage, or the most elegant examples of classic furniture for your all-year-round home, you will find it here at reduced prices, and in the same wide and satisfying variety for which Wanamaker stocks are famous. It is all new and perfect furniture; much of it has come on our floors within the last few weeks. It is owing to recent business conditions alone that we are able to present such an offering as this at the beginning of May. No housekeeper and no hotel man who has Summer furnishing to do can afford to miss this opportunity. Here are a few of the special offerings.

- \$36 Bureau at \$25**
A mahogany bureau with shaped top and two swell front drawers; two large drawers and an oval French plate mirror. Fine construction and finish.
- \$21 Extension Table at \$15**
An oak extension table of good quality and finish; 45-inch round top; 6 feet long when extended; square pillar with shaped legs.
- \$435 Sideboard at \$150**
An imported English sideboard after Sheraton; inlaid satinwood bands; fine design rarely seen and fitted as only the English know how. Sold at so small a price because we have no other piece to match it.
- \$65 Sideboard at \$50**
A fine quality quartered golden oak sideboard of excellent design and finish.
- \$14.50 Bureau at \$9.50**
A mahogany finished bureau in neat design and good size; two large and two small drawers and an oval mirror.
- \$185 Chiffonier at \$100**
A man's mahogany wardrobe-chiffonier; two doors; eight sliding trays and two closets inside; two drawers outside. A fine example of this most modern article for men.
- \$32 China Cabinet at \$25**
A Mission china cabinet in weathered oak; long brass hinges; a bit of leaded glass in the doors; an attractive style.
- \$110 Cellarette at \$85**
Richly carved oak Cellarette in dark brown; has a lot of conveniences; a striking piece for the den or smoking room.
- \$18 Chiffonier at \$12.50**
Mahogany finish; five long drawers, upright oval mirror, full swell front.
- \$18 Bureau at \$13.50**
Golden oak Bureau of plain design; two large and two small drawers; oval mirror; good construction and finish.
- \$40 Serving Table at \$20**
Mahogany Serving Table, Colonial design; fine construction and finish.
- \$575 Dining-room Suite, \$287.50**
Sideboard, China Cabinet and Serving Table, of such excellence of design and finish that it must be seen to be appreciated.
- \$90 Chiffonier at \$50**
Richly moulded and carved Chiffonier in mahogany; oval plate mirror.
- \$205 Bureau at \$150**
Mahogany Bureau of large size, in a fine Colonial design; completely overlaid with a fine design of Dutch marquetry; large French plate mirror; highly polished.

The May WHITE SALE Crowds the Economy Basement

The splendid lower-priced garments in the May White Sale fill table after table in the Economy Basement with their tempting bargains. There are also special counters right at the Subway entrance in the New Building. Details of these fine offerings—the best that any White Sale has produced for years—are printed here—also of Household Linens:

- Women's Underwear**
Corset Covers
At 10c—Of cambric, tight-fitting; high neck.
At 25c—Of cambric, round neck, trimmed with lace insertion and edge; of embroidery and ribbon.
Nightgowns
At 50c—Of cambric, low round neck, with lace edge.
At 75c—Of cambric, V neck, with yoke of cluster plait.
Long Petticoats
At 35c—Of cambric, with deep ruffle, wide hem, tucked draw and plait.
At 75c—Of cambric, with lawn ruffle and hemstitched plait.
At \$1.00—Of cambric, lawn ruffle, with embroidery insertion and edge.
Colored Petticoats
At \$1.50—Of black tulle silk; deep accordion-plaited ruffle, trimmed with two inches of stitched bands; percale line ruffle.
- Children's Underwear**
At 50c—Petticoats of striped ginghams, with deep flounce.
At 25c—Children's Cambric Petticoats with plaited and hemstitched ruffles; sizes for 2 to 12 years.
At 35c—Children's Cambric Petticoats with embroidery-trimmed ruffles; sizes for 2 to 12 years.
At 45c—Children's Cambric Nightgowns; plaited yoke, neck and sleeves with embroidery ruffle. 2 to 14 years.
Babies' Dresses
At 35c—Infants' Gimpie Dresses, with white lawn, with colored dots and pipings. Sizes 2 to 4 years.
At 50c—Infants' Waist and Russian Dresses of percale, light and navy blue grounds with colored dots and black-and-white checks. Sizes 2 to 4 years.
White Sale Linens
Red bordered Linen Crash, 17 in. wide, for dish towels; our regular 12c quality, at 8c yd.
All-linen Glass Toweling checked; our regular 15c quality, at 12c yd.
- Shirt-Waists**
At \$1.00—Of white lawn or madras, or colored stripes in tailor-made style, or front trimmed with points of embroidery, or yoke effect of lace insertion and fine plait, open front or back; short or long sleeves.
Irish Breakfast Napkins, 100 dozens, pretty designs, 20x20 in.; regularly 3.50, now \$1.55 doz.
Irish Damask Table Cloths, full bleached; four pretty designs; 60x60 in. at \$1.50; 84x84 in. at \$1.80 each.

The Following Are Wednesday's Offerings—Not on Sale Today

Girls' \$12.50 to \$17.50 Tailored Suits, \$8.50 and \$10

Note—first—that the values of these suits are their actual former prices in our fine Spring stock. Second, that reductions range from about a third to nearly half. And, third, that the collection includes a splendid variety of styles and materials in Tailored Suits for girls of 14 to 18 years. Fabrics are Panama cloths and serges, in black, blue and brown; fancy striped and checked suitings in various shades, and plain gray worsteds.

Styles include plain semi-fitted jackets, with plaited skirts, trimmed with bias folds, short jaunty jackets elaborately braided, with plaited trimmed skirts, and especially a fine group of slightly fitted models that are very tastefully trimmed. A collection that will bring mothers and their daughters here in a hurry to-morrow—\$8.50 and \$10 a suit.

Women's Lingerie Dresses, \$3.50

Light airy dresses for hot Summer days, at a remarkably low price. They come in fresh and cool, from the maker, in a charming princess style, made of fine lawn, in blue, pink and lavender, mostly figured, a few in checks. The waist has pointed yoke of insertion, plaited over shoulders with in-laid bands of lace. Fitted girdle of insertion. Full skirt with flounce and two rows of plaits. Three-quarter length sleeves, trimmed. \$3.50 Each.

Princess Overwaist
DRESSES at \$3.25

About two hundred, made of figured lawn, embroidery-trimmed, with pretty tie; skirt with fold.

Union Linen Overwaist
DRESSES at \$3.75

The last lot of these very attractive dresses went in a jiffy. More ready for to-morrow—made in princess style, with cluster plaits and band of embroidery in front and over shoulders. Short scalloped embroidered sleeves. Bias fold on skirt. Colors, pink, blue, white and lavender. One of the best offerings of the season at \$3.75.

\$1.25 Shower-Proof Foulard Silks, 55c Yd.
Regular \$1.25 All-silk Twilled Foulards, all in this season's patterns, and an assortment of good colors, including black, blues, brown and reds—a perfect, 24 in. wide, at 55c yd. A notable silk bargain.

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25c Lisle Thread Gloves at 18c a Pair

Two-clasp Summer Gloves of excellent quality, in black and white.

Handkerchief Hints

For WOMEN—At 12½c, regularly 25c—Of colored Irish linen, assorted patterns of over-plaids, colored borders. Also some white linen Initial Handkerchiefs, with narrow hems, at 10c each.

For MEN—At 12½c, regularly 25c—French silk-finished Colored Novelties, usually sold for 25c. Also white Initial Linen Handkerchiefs, full size, ¼-inch hems, at 15c each—20c quality.

Women's 25c and 50c Vests at 15c and 28c

At 15c each—Of white ribbed Lisle thread, low neck, sleeveless, plain or trimmed. Seconds of 25c grades.

At 28c each—Of Lisle thread or open-mesh cotton, high neck, long sleeves. "Seconds."

5c and 8c WASH LACES, 3c Yard

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